



VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

April 8, 2016

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from April 1, 2016 – April 7, 2016. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information at ruth.rohr@viennava.gov)

INCIDENTS

Fraud 16-002699

500 Block Glyndon Street, NE

Between January 1, 2009 at 12:00 a.m. and April 4, 2016 at 7:41 p.m.

A resident advised a utility account had been fraudulently opened using his identity in Oklahoma.

This case is being investigated.

Fraud 16-002771

600 Block Tazewell Road, NW

Between October 2, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. and August 17, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

A resident reported that he received a letter from a debt collection agency regarding a past due account. The account was opened in New England through Verizon by an unknown person using the resident’s identity.

This case is being investigated.

Petit Larceny 16-002617

Vienna Jewelry

320 Maple Avenue, East

Between March 13 at 12:00 p.m. and April 2 at 3:21 p.m.

An employee reported that someone had removed the bottom half of the downspouts from the building.

Forgery 16-002599

Staats Developers

120 Church Street, NE

Between March 21 at 12:00 p.m. and April 1 at 12:08 p.m.

An employer was notified by his bank of company checks that were being forged and cashed.

This case is under investigation.

Trespassing 16-002594

400 Block Colin Lane, NW

April 1 8:51 a.m.

MPO Lose responded to a report that a man, who had previously been trespassed from the home, had returned for some of his belongings. The residents permitted the man back into the house to retrieve his belongings. He was then informed again that he was no longer permitted on the property.

Arrest – Hit & Run 16-002608

Taco Bell

362 Maple Avenue, East

April 1 9:53 p.m.

A citizen reported witnessing a vehicle strike a parked car in the parking lot, then leave the area. The citizen was able to provide a tag number for the vehicle and a description of the occupants.

Ofc. Herrera was able to make contact with the vehicle owner who advised her son drives the vehicle and she would have him bring the vehicle to the Vienna Police Station. The driver later arrived at the station and advised he had struck the parked vehicle and drove off.

Ofc. Herrera obtained two warrants for the driver. The warrants were served on April 7. The driver, an 18 year old man from Prichard Court in Dunn Loring, Virginia was released on his signature charging Hit and Run and Violation of a Restricted License.

Juvenile 16-002627**Chipotle****227 Maple Avenue, East****April 2 10:33 p.m.**

MPO Smith observed a male approach some juveniles who were in the parking lot of Chipotle. He then watched as the man continued walking through the various parking lots then proceeded to a park bench in the Park Terrace Condominiums Complex. Upon his interaction with the male, MPO Smith found he was a juvenile. He explained to the officer that he lives with his grandfather and has permission to be out.

MPO Smith contacted his grandfather who agreed to pick up his grandson.

Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated and Hit & Run 16-002632**Cottage Street at Tapawingo Road, SW****April 2 11:15 p.m.**

Officers responded to a report of a one car accident where the driver had fled the scene on foot. Sgt. Farhan located the male driver after a witness observed the driver behind a home. Officer Herrera arrived on scene and, after his interaction with the driver, determined the driver may have been impaired. After the driver was evaluated and cleared by rescue personnel he was administered a series of field sobriety tests which he failed to successfully complete. Officer Herrera arrested the 20 year old man from West Denali Drive in Nixa, Missouri for Driving While Intoxicated.

The man was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he provided a blood sample for analysis. He was then charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Hit and Run. He was released to the custody of the deputies.

Juvenile Case 16-002635**Tapawingo Road and Plum Street, SW****April 2 11:15 p.m.**

While responding to the report of the Hit and Run accident at Cottage Street and Tapawingo Road, SW (case #16-002632) MPO Smith observed juveniles running in the area. He stopped to check their welfare and to determine if they were involved in the accident.

The juveniles had not been involved in the accident. They admitted they were running because they had been at a party where they had consumed alcohol and became nervous when they saw the police. One of the juveniles was in possession of a fake identification. The parents of both juveniles were notified and responded to take custody of their children. The juveniles were given verbal counseling by MPO Smith and released to their parents.

Suspicious Event 16-002636**Amphora Restaurant****377 Maple Avenue, West****April 3 between 1:30 a.m. and 1:47 a.m.**

Officers responding to a 911 hang up made contact with a citizen who stated he was assaulted by another man at a club in DC earlier that night. He stated he then followed that man back to the Amphora Restaurant where he confronted him and advised he was struck again.

After speaking with witnesses it was determined that the citizen confronted a man who was out with his ex-girlfriend and an argument ensued, causing that man to shove him. There were no visible signs of injury. The citizen was advised of the warrant process should he wish to seek charges for assault.

Trespassing 16-002650**Wildwood Park****Between Valley Drive and Follin Lane, SE****April 3 9:42 a.m.**

Security Officers from Navy Federal Credit Union reported a person camping in the park. Officers located a woman who advised she was homeless. She advised she was familiar with the shelters available in the area, but she refused to allow the officers to transport her to one of them for assistance.

The woman was advised she was not permitted to camp in the Town parks. She agreed to gather her belongings and leave the area.

Grand Larceny 16-002669**Rite Aid****215 Maple Avenue, West****April 3 8:15 p.m.**

An employee reported that a black male left the store without paying for a handbasket full of merchandise.

This case is being investigated.

Suspicious Person 16-002689**Vienna Wolftrap Hotel****430 Maple Avenue, West****April 4 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:39 p.m.**

Officers responded to the report of a female guest who was refusing to leave after the hotel's check out time. Ofc. Hylinski and MPO Vazquez spoke to the woman and assisted her in gathering her belongings. She then left the area without further incident.

Assist Fire/EMS 16-002695

Chipotle

213 Maple Avenue, East

April 4 5:31 p.m.

Officers responded for the report of an intoxicated male in the restaurant. When they arrived they found the man was unable to stand or walk alone. Officers summoned Fairfax County Rescue. The man was transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

Vehicle Tampering 16-002718

Maple Avenue Restaurant

147 Maple Avenue, West

April 5 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:32 p.m.

An employee left his moped legally parked in the lot behind the restaurant. When he returned he found that an unknown person dragged the moped to another location in the lot and caused damage to it.

Counterfeiting 16-002743

Pie Gourmet

507 Maple Avenue, West

April 6 11:00 a.m.

An employee advised that a black male was in the store and made a purchase using a \$20.00 bill that turned out to be counterfeit.

This case is being investigated by our department.

Fraud 16-002741

Northwest Federal Credit Union

231 Maple Avenue, East

April 6 12:23 p.m.

An employee reported that a black female attempted to cash a fraudulent check.

The female left the area before officers arrived.

Counterfeiting 16-002742

Molly's Yogurt

521 Maple Avenue, West

April 6 1:05 p.m.

An employee advised that a black male was in the store and made a purchase using a \$20.00 bill that turned out to be counterfeit.

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Animal Case 16-002746

Patrick Street and Patrick Circle, SW

April 6 6:22 p.m.

PFC Tracy located a dog that was running at large. After attempts to locate an owner were unsuccessful he transported the dog to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Suspicious Vehicle 16-002782

Maple Avenue and Follin Lane, SE

April 7 10:06 p.m.

Ofc. Herrera noticed the driver of a vehicle turn onto Follin Lane from Maple Avenue. That portion of Follin is closed for construction and open only to residents living in the immediate area. Officer Herrera initiated a traffic stop. The driver was released on a summons for No Operator's License.

CRASHES

310 Maple Avenue, West 16-002612

April 2 10:05 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound in the left lane of Maple Avenue, West. Vehicle-1 was exiting a parking lot to turn left and go westbound on Maple Avenue. As Vehicle-1 entered the roadway it was struck by Vehicle-2.

The driver of the Vehicle-2 was transported by Fairfax County Rescue personnel to an area hospital.

The driver of Vehicle-1 was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

165 Maple Avenue, East 16-002613

April 2 12:14 p.m.

Three vehicles were traveling eastbound in the left lane on Maple Avenue. The first two vehicles came to a stop for the red traffic light at the intersection of Park Street.

The driver of Vehicle-1 did not observe that the first two vehicles stopped and it ran into the rear of Vehicle-2, pushing it into the rear of Vehicle-3.

The driver of Vehicle-1 was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

Dominion Road and the W&OD Bike Trail, NE 16-002652

April 3 9:52 a.m.

Vehicle-1 was pulling into a parking space of a parking lot. The driver thought she hit the brake pedal, but actually hit the gas pedal, causing her vehicle to jump the curb, drive across the W&OD Trail and strike two vehicles that were legally parked.

Vehicle-1 then struck a tree causing it and one of the parked vehicles to become pinned. There were no injuries. Vehicle-1 had to be towed.

Maple Avenue at Park Street, NE 16-002664

April 3 5:28 p.m.

Vehicle-2 was traveling westbound in the left turn lane on Maple Avenue approaching the intersection of Park Street. Vehicle-1 was traveling adjacent to Vehicle-2 in the left thru lane of traffic.

Vehicle-1 changed lanes and struck the Vehicle-2. The driver of the Vehicle-1 was issued a summons for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention.

328 Maple Avenue, East 16-002681**April 4 9:20 a.m.**

Vehicle-2 was a marked police cruiser making a traffic stop on Vehicle-1. Vehicle-1 pulled into a parking lot followed by the cruiser for the traffic stop.

The driver of Vehicle-1 exited his vehicle, thinking the car was in “park” however the vehicle was in “neutral” and began rolling backwards striking the police cruiser.

Nutley Street near Tapawingo Road, SW 16-002686**April 4 1:40 p.m.**

Vehicle-1, a box style rental truck, was traveling northbound in the left lane on Nutley Street approaching Tapawingo Road. Vehicle-2 was traveling in the right lane adjacent to Vehicle-1.

The driver of Vehicle-1 did not see Vehicle-2 and moved into the right lane forcing Vehicle-2 into the curb. The two vehicles did not collide, however Vehicle-2 was damaged by being forced into the curb.

Maple Avenue at Center Street, NE 16-002684**April 4 11:47 a.m.**

Two vehicles were stopped for the red light in the left westbound thru lane of Maple Avenue at Center Street. When the light for the left turn lane turned to the green arrow Vehicle-1 mistakenly began to pull into the intersection and Vehicle-2 began to follow.

The driver of Vehicle-1 then reversed, striking Vehicle-2. Both drivers pulled over and spoke, but the driver of Vehicle-1 then left the scene without providing information.

West Street at Lawyers Road, NW 16-002727**April 6 8:32 a.m.**

Vehicle-1 was stopped at the stop sign on West Street at Lawyers Road. The driver had not yet decided if she was proceeding straight across the intersection or if she was going to turn right onto Lawyers Road.

The driver of Vehicle-1 then proceeded to make a right turn, but failed to notice that Vehicle-2 had pulled up beside her to turn right onto Lawyers. Vehicle-1 struck Vehicle-2 causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Maple Avenue near Park Street, SE 16-002739**April 6 11:20 a.m.**

Vehicle-1 turned right from northbound Park Street to go eastbound on Maple Avenue. The driver then attempted to move into the left lane on Maple to turn left into private property.

Vehicle-2 was traveling eastbound on Maple Avenue in the left lane. The driver of Vehicle-1 failed to notice Vehicle-2 and struck him as she changed lanes.

The driver of Vehicle-1 was issued a summons for Failure to Yield the Right-of-Way.

Cottage Street and Kingsley Road, SW 16-002745

April 6 5:42 p.m.

Two vehicles were traveling northbound on Cottage Street. Vehicle-2 stopped at the 4-way stop sign at Kingsley Road. The driver of Vehicle-1 did not realize the first vehicle had come to a stop and ran into the rear of the vehicle, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

The driver of the Vehicle-1 was issued two summonses for Failure to Pay Full Time and Attention and No Driver's License.

Maple Avenue and East Street, NE 16-002754

April 7 7:25 a.m.

Vehicle-2 was in the left thru lane of westbound Maple at the intersection of East Street, stopped for the red light.

Vehicle-1, a large truck, was in the left turn lane when the driver realized he was turning at the wrong intersection. The driver of Vehicle-1 attempted to change lanes, failed to observe Vehicle-2 and struck the driver's side of that vehicle.

The driver of Vehicle-1 was issued a summons for Unsafe Lane Change.

CASE UPDATES

None.

MEDIA RELEASES



Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department to Participate in 11th D.E.A. Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On April 30, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over the counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department located at 215 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180.

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly in to the collection box. If an original container is used the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label.

Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards.

Commercial businesses, pharmacies or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

CITIZEN NOTES

TAX SEASON SCAM

Note to Citizens – *During this time of year, Tax Season, many residents report receiving calls from individuals claiming to be employees of the IRS. The callers claim the resident has either committed tax fraud or had improperly filed previous tax returns. The caller informs the resident to send a Western Union payment or purchase a prepaid debit card, for payment, or the resident will be arrested. This type of call is a scam. **Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.***

Please Note: *Recently there have been reports of callers claiming to be relatives or representatives of a relative. The callers claim they have been arrested and in order to be released from jail the resident needs to wire a payment to an attorney or the jail. The payment is usually requested in the form of a prepaid debit card or through Western Union. This type of call is a scam. **Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.***

Reminder: *Please remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, **lock the vehicle doors.***

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Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.

See or Hear Something? Say Something!
We *WANT* to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.

Please contact Ruth Rohr for further information on any of these cases at
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